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Identical letters dated 2 March 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 2 March 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Report on activities carried out on Sunday, 2 March 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

Group I

The group left the Canal Hotel at 8.40 a.m. The group performed a motorized radiation survey at Taji Camp II that included both main and side streets and all buildings and was aimed at detecting any radioactivity. The group also determined the coordinates of every site in the Camp. The mission was completed in 4 hours and 15 minutes, after which the group returned to the Hotel.

Group II

A second group left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Basha'ir Commercial Agencies Company, Ltd. Upon arriving, the group restricted movement within the Company and met with its managing director, enquiring of him about the structure and activity of the Company. It then inspected all the Company's rooms and departments and examined all files and documents, photographing part of them. It also inspected the computers existing in the Company. Upon completing its mission, which lasted 9 hours and 30 minutes, the group returned to the Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The team left the Canal Hotel at 9 a.m. and arrived at the chlorine plant belonging to the Tariq Public Company, which is owned by the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). The team searched all the plant's units and thoroughly familiarized itself with each unit. It then requested the plant's electrical distribution plan. The mission was completed in 2 hours and 15 minutes, after which the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

The team left the Canal Hotel at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at the Aziziyah bomb destruction site belonging to the Ministry of Defence. The team took samples from the bomb and shrapnel burial sites. Upon completing its mission, which lasted 5 hours, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC joint inspection team

The team left the Canal Hotel at 9 a.m. and arrived at an air defence site belonging to the Ministry of Defence. The team met the site commander and enquired about the unit's activities and missile maintenance and storage. The team then inspected all the unit's facilities. The mission was completed in 2 hours and 10 minutes, after which the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

V. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

A first group left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Technical Battalion at Taji. The group witnessed the destruction of six Sumud-2 missiles. The mission was completed in 5 hours, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group left the Canal Hotel at 8.45 a.m. and arrived at the Ma'mun factory owned by the Rashid Company. The group witnessed the destruction of the solid fuel pouring mould. Upon completing its mission, which lasted 8 hours, the team returned to the Canal Hotel.

VI. Interviews

1. On 1 March 2003 UNMOVIC requested individual interviews with four competent Iraqi persons in a Baghdad hotel. The National Monitoring Directorate notified three of them and encouraged them to have the interviews, but it was not feasible to notify the fourth, who is resident outside Iraq. UNMOVIC conducted the interview with one of them but refused to hold interviews with the other two owing to the insistence of one of them that the interview should be documented by means of a sound recording device and the insistence of the other that a friend of his should be present at the interview.

2. On 2 March 2003 UNMOVIC requested an interview with a competent Iraqi person in a Baghdad hotel. UNMOVIC had previously refused to interview the competent person in question, who works in the private sector, owing to his insistence that the interview should be documented by means of a sound recording device. This time he was notified but did not appear at the hotel.

VII. Surveillance aircraft (Mirage)

The Mirage IV reconnaissance aircraft entered Iraqi airspace at 9.40 a.m. and reconnoitred various areas in Iraq, then left Iraqi airspace at 12.50 p.m. The reconnaissance operation lasted 3 hours and 10 minutes.